

POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Work Session Minutes

DATE: May 20, 2019
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Township Building
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: Jerry Lastowski
ROLL CALL:

Harold Werkheiser - Absent
Richard Wielebinski – Present
Chad Kilby – Absent
Jerrod Belvin – Present

The work session was called to order at 6:10pm by President Lastowski.

Also present were Leo DeVito - Solicitor, Donna Asure-Township Manager, Senator Mario Scavello, Representative Jack Rader and representatives from Jackson Township Board of Supervisors and emergency services.

Mr. Lastowski stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of a traffic task force to find interim solutions to the congestion in both Pocono and Jackson Townships which makes travel difficult for residents and the danger it creates for emergency responders.

Senator Scavello stated the biggest problems are the traffic signals on Route 611 to turn onto Route 715 are too close together. He suggested removing the second signal at 715 and disallowing a left hand turn onto Route 715.

Commissioner Belvin suggested fixing the sign on Route 80 that used to divert traffic from exit 299 to 298. (Tannersville to Scotrun)

Discussion took place concerning -

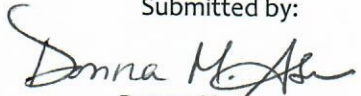
- The status of the Green Light Go projects. Senator Scavello stated he would look into why the 2015 grant has not yet moved forward.
- Senator Scavello suggested impact fees
- Senator Scavello discussed the need for three lanes up Sullivan Trail. The need for it to be on the 12 year plan and that the township must make this request. The manager was asked to contact the Monroe County Planning Commission concerning this.
- The major concern of the traffic and the inability to move emergency vehicles through the two townships to respond to any type of incident.
- The need for a meeting with the Pocono Mountains Industrial Development Authority and PennDot. It was reported to the state officials that PennDot stated they would not come to these meetings. Senator Scavello said he would look into that.

There was no public comment.

NO OFFICIAL ACTIONS OR ROLL CALL VOTES WERE TAKEN DURING WORK SESSION.

The work session ended at 6:50pm.

Submitted by:


Donna M. Asure
Township Manager